

### Amendments to the Claims

*Please amend the claims to appear as follows:*

1-7. (Canceled)

~~1~~ <sup>1</sup>8. (Previously Amended) A method for identifying a non-retinoid compound that induces expression of a retinoid-inducible gene in a mammalian cell, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) culturing a recombinant mammalian cell in the presence and absence of a compound, wherein the recombinant mammalian cell comprises a recombinant expression construct encoding a reporter gene operably linked to a promoter from a gene the expression of which is induced by a retinoid, wherein the promoter does not contain a RARE site;
- (b) comparing reporter gene expression in said cell in the presence of the compound with reporter gene expression in said cell in the absence of the compound; and
- (c) identifying the compound that induces retinoid-induced gene expression if reporter gene expression is higher in the presence of the compound than in the absence of the compound.

~~2~~ <sup>1</sup>9. (Original) The method of claim ~~8~~ <sup>1</sup>, wherein expression of the reporter gene is detected using an immunological reagent.

~~3~~ <sup>1</sup>10. (Original) The method of claim ~~8~~ <sup>1</sup>, wherein expression of the reporter gene is detected by assaying for an activity of the reporter gene product.

~~4~~ <sup>1</sup>11. (Original) The method of claim ~~8~~ <sup>1</sup>, where expression of the reporter gene is detected by hybridization to a complementary nucleic acid.

12-20. (Canceled)